Whereas, as the 2007-2008 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education: and

Whereas, the North Callaway County R-I School District lost a valuable member of its faculty on May 29, 2008, with the retirement of Valerie Spirz, who has devoted several years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, Valerie Spirz has served as a librarian for four years at North Callaway County R-I, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Valerie Spirz served as a middle school science teacher and a middle school librarian in the Montgomery County R-II School District for twenty years prior to assuming her current responsibilities as a high school librarian in the North Callaway County R-I School District; and

Whereas, Valerie Spirz has watched her pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge she has imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

Whereas, so many young Missourians have left the classrooms of North Callaway County R-I fully prepared to face the challenges ahead as a result of the outstanding professional endeavors of Valerie Spirz; and

Whereas, an active member of the First United Methodist Presbyterian Church, Valerie Spirz has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Mike Spirz; two sons and their spouses, David and Heather Spirz and Heath and Erika Spirz; and three grandchildren, Haley Spirz, Lauren Spirz, and Ethan Spirz:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the North Callaway County R-I School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Valerie Spirz has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Valerie Spirz, as a measure of the high esteem in which we hold her.

Offered by	
•	Representative Terry L. Witte
	District No. 10
	Representative Mike Sutherland
	District No. 99
	on, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety
that the ab	neral Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify ove is a true and correct copy of House Resolution adopted May 29, 2008.
Rod Jetton	, Speaker